

The image shows the front cover of an antique book. The cover is decorated with a dense, repeating pattern of marbled paper. The pattern consists of horizontal, wavy bands of color, including shades of red, blue, and tan, creating a complex, textured effect. In the center of the cover is a rectangular green paper label with a decorative, scalloped border. The label contains the text "DAILY JOURNAL. 1875." in a serif font. The book's spine is visible on the left, showing a red leather binding. The right edge of the book shows the edges of the pages, which appear aged and slightly worn.

DAILY  
**JOURNAL.**  
1875.

BEVERLEY V. BANKER.—No rule, GORDON V. WATEROUS.—Rule absolute to enter verdict for defendant.

REGINA V. TAYLOR.—The following is the substance of a very important judgment

1. The DISTRICT BREWERY is a branch of trade and commerce.

2. It is business, although domestic, and internal in the Province in which it is carried on, which is under the general control of the Dominion Government, which, unlike the Government of the United States, possesses the general sovereignty of the country, subordinate, of course, to the Imperial Parliament, while the Provinces, unlike the respective States of the Union, can exercise their merely delegated powers.

3. The Dominion authority has power alone to tax and regulate the trade of a brewer, and having done so the Ontario Legislature has not the power to restrain it unless in a qualified manner, and for the mere purposes of police to the extent before mentioned.

4. The prohibition to keep, have, or sell beer, by a brewer, unless under a license and the payment of a tax for a license is an excess of power by the Provincial authority, and is a restraint and regulation of trade and commerce, and not the exercise of a police power.

5. The Ontario Legislature has the power to exercise control in all matters of police, or, in other words, which relate to the good government, health, and morals of the people.

6. It is not altogether quite easy to determine what is a matter of police, and what is a regulation of trade. The police power is in almost every case to some extent, when dealing with persons or with the subjects of trade, a restraint, and in that respect a regulation of trade.

7. The restriction imposed by the Ontario Legislature on brewers not to sell by retail, as defined in the Act of 1874, is not ultra vires, because it is a mere repetition and renewal of the legislation, which was in full force here before and at the time of the Confederation.

8. The right conferred on the Ontario Legislature to deal exclusively with "shops, loon, tavern, auctioneer, and other licenses," for purposes of revenue, does not extend to licenses on brewers and distillers, over

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exceptions to this general rule. These are:—Clark, Hawks, Powers, Earle, Stephens, and Darling. While the principals fall, the subordinates make money.

THE SAGINAW VALLEY.—In salt there has been a large increase in the production for 1874, or 971,587 brls, against \$10 495 the previous year. This is for the Saginaw River alone, the production of the State being 1,026,979 barrels, an increase of 200,000 barrels. There is a decrease of about 45,000,000 feet in the amount of lumber cut as compared with 1873. The table of production includes all the mills along the Saginaw River, and the interior mills in Saginaw County, but excludes a number of important mills in the northern part of Bay County, which are properly considered railroad mills. The decrease in the amount of lumber cut is partly attributed to the fact that four mills were destroyed by fire in 1873, and three during the past year. Seven other mills did not run at all, and a number only a portion of the season. Many of the mills operated, and which were fortunate enough to get an ample supply of logs, show a much better record than during any former year. The statistics of lumber manufacture are condensed in the following summary:—

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DECEMBER.

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1873, 1874. Rows include No. of Mills, No. Mule saws, No. Circular saws, No. Gang saws, Capital invested, Capacity, Lumber cut, Lumber on hand, Lumber on dock, Logs in mill, Men employed, Pickets cut, Lath cut, Lath on hand.

From the amount of unsold lumber on hand, as given above, should be deducted 30,000,000 feet sold since January 1st, 1875, and 60,000,000 held by manufacturers who operate yards elsewhere, and which is practically out of this market.

Table with 3 columns: Day, 1875, 1876. Rows include W. 2 9 16 23 30, TH. 3 10 17 24, F. 4 11 18 25, S. 5 12 19 26.

The Parry Sound Lumber Company's new mill covers an area of 85 x 108 feet, and has a capacity for sawing from 80,000 to 100,000 feet per day. There are in use in the new mill three Turbine water-wheels, which are capable of giving 280 horse power. This mill is certainly the best on the North Shore, and possibly it is equal to any in the Province. The building, also being close to the village, adds greatly to the appearance of the place, as at a short distance, it has the resemblance of a large English cathedral more than a saw mill. In the attic story alone, there are 15,000 lights of glass. In addition to the erection of the new mill, the Company have also extended their tramways, and altogether, they have spent about \$35,000 in these improvements, a large proportion of which was paid in wages—in giving employment to emigrants and others who would otherwise have been deprived of work during the winter. We were also glad to learn that the Foreman, Mr. Elze, and all of his men, are members of the Order of Good Templars. The Georgian Bay Lumber Company also intend building a mill on the same principle at Waubashene, next winter.

APRIL.

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AUGUST.

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which the General Government only, and at all times exercised jurisdiction, and which are of a higher and different class than the licenses of retail dealers which are mentioned, and the other licenses have reference to those kinds of licenses before stated, such as on billiard tables, livery stables, &c., &c., which are chiefly enumerated in the Municipal Acts.

9. The Ontario Legislature has the right to license or prohibit the sale of liquors in shops and taverns, and in other places of the like kind, because it has the exclusive power over Municipal Institutions, and these institutions had before, and at the time of Confederation, the exercise of these powers, and because such power read in connection with sec. 92, sub-section 16 of the Confederation Act is now a matter "of a merely local or private nature in the Province."

10. That power is in restraint of trade as well as a matter of police, so that the general regulation of trade and commerce, which is vested in the Dominion Government, must be considered to be modified by the powers which the Ontario Legislature, acting in relation to municipal institutions, may properly exercise.

brother, were driving home across the between 9 and ten o'clock on Saturday the latter party was the victim of a and successful attempt at robbery. A stranger jumped on the sleigh, ately "knocking" the driver, robbed him of his pocket money, and not only contained the horses ran away with their harness in their mouths, but it was an easy matter to get away with it. It is not known who the robber was, but it is not known whether he is ever known.

1876.

FEBRUARY.

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The Rice Lake Railway bridge is making satisfactory progress. The contractor is making every necessary exertion, and the bridge will be open for traffic next summer. In view of a probable flood the Bobcaygeon Independent suggests that all the stop logs in the back country dams should be ordered out by the agents of the Ontario Government.

Attempted Suicide. 1875

CHICAGO, March 16.—A. J. Thomas, for several months an operator in the Chicago Board of Trade, attempted suicide to-day by shooting himself, it is supposed fatally. Heavy losses induced the act.

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Hilary, 1st Monday in February to Saturday of ensuing week.  
Easter, 3rd Monday in May to Saturday of 2nd week thereafter.

Trinity, 1st Monday in August after 21st of said month to the Saturday of the following week.

Michaelmas, 3rd Monday in November to Saturday of 2nd week thereafter.

One Judge of each of the Courts is to sit in open Court every week, as well in as out of term, except during vacation. One Judge may sit for both Courts of Common Law.

County Court Terms are four, commencing respectively on the 1st Monday in January, April, July and October in each year, and ending on Saturday of same week.

Assizes—Twice in each year in every county or union of counties in Ontario, between Hilary and Easter Terms, and between the 21st of August and Michaelmas Term. In the County of York there are two additional Courts, one in the vacation between Easter Term and the 1st of July, and the other in the vacation between Michaelmas and Hilary Terms, and in the County of Wentworth there is one additional between Michaelmas and Hilary Terms.

Sittings of Courts of Assize may be held separate and apart from the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and either on same or different day, and sittings may be held in any County for trial without Jury whenever directed by the Courts.

County Courts—Sittings commence on 2nd Tuesday in June and December, except in York where there are four, commencing respectively on the 2nd Tuesday in March, May, September and December.

General Sessions are held at same time as the several County Courts.

The County Judge's Criminal Court sits from time to time for trial of prisoners out of Sessions and without Jury.

Heir, Devisee and Assignee Commissioners sit on 1st Monday in January and July, and on the

13 days next ensuing the said days respectively, Sundays and Holidays excepted.

Court of Chancery.—A Judge sits in Court almost daily for transaction of business, Hearing and examination of witnesses are at such times and places as are appointed by the Court.

Court of Error and Appeal sits at Toronto twice in every year; once in January and once in June.

Long Vacation from 1st July to 21st August.

**A TABLE**

Showing the number of days from any day in one month, to the same day in any other month throughout the year.

TO	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Jan.	365	334	306	275	245	215	184	153	122	92	61	31
Feb.	334	306	275	245	215	184	153	122	92	61	31	1
Mar.	306	275	245	215	184	153	122	92	61	31	1	31
April	275	245	215	184	153	122	92	61	31	1	31	61
May	245	215	184	153	122	92	61	31	1	31	61	91
June	215	184	153	122	92	61	31	1	31	61	91	121
July	184	153	122	92	61	31	1	31	61	91	121	151
Aug.	153	122	92	61	31	1	31	61	91	121	151	181
Sept.	122	92	61	31	1	31	61	91	121	151	181	211
Oct.	92	61	31	1	31	61	91	121	151	181	211	241
Nov.	61	31	1	31	61	91	121	151	181	211	241	271
Dec.	31	1	31	61	91	121	151	181	211	241	271	301

Look for April at the left hand, and September at the top; in the angle is 153.

**BANK HOLIDAYS.**

ONTARIO.—New Year's Day; Good Friday, Queen's Birth Day; Christmas Day.  
QUEBEC.—New Year's Day; Epiphany; Annunciation; Good Friday; Ascension; Corpus Christi; St. Peter's; St. Paul's; All Saints; Conception; Christmas and Queen's Birth Day; also, any day appointed by Proclamation for a General Fast or Thanksgiving.


**TABLE OF STAMP DUTIES.**

Stamps required on Notes, Drafts, or Bills of Exchange, executed singly:

- For \$25 ..... 1 cent
- " \$50 and over \$25, ..... 2 "
- " \$100 and over \$50, ..... 3 "
- " each fraction over \$100 3 "
- On Drafts or Bills of Exchange in duplicate:
- For ..... \$100 2 cents.
- " each fractional part of \$100 2 "
- On Drafts or Bills of Exchange in more parts than two:—For ..... \$100 1 cent.
- " each fractional part of \$100 1 "

**LIST OF SUNDAYS IN 1875.**

January.....	3	10	17	24	31
February.....	7	14	21	28	
March.....	7	14	21	28	
April.....	4	11	18	25	
May.....	2	9	16	23	30
June.....	6	13	20	27	
July.....	4	11	18	25	
August.....	1	8	15	22	29
September.....	5	12	19	26	
October.....	3	10	17	24	31
November.....	7	14	21	28	
December.....	5	12	19	26	

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January

FRIDAY 1

1875

This is a fine morning not very cold  
and enough snow left to slip along with a Sleigh  
very well

SATURDAY 2

Much the same this morning

January

MONDAY 4

1875

Very fine morning, and good sleighing  
Snow having fallen last night  
Great excitement about the Election

TUESDAY 5

This is a fine morning

I had to attend the Court, in the Judges chambers  
in the case Queen vs Birmingham for encroaching  
on the York Road with his fence posts

WEDNESDAY 6

Fine clear morning I went down to Galt  
to order new clothes for Upper Reels for both the  
Water Mill & Steam Mill, viz No 9 at head  
and No 10 at tail of reels, and to change the upper  
clothes to the under reels

Monthly Fair to day



This is a pretty sharp morning, and snowing a little now and then

I made an agreement with Robt Stewart to take all his pile of clear stuff, that 3 inch Plank for fermenting tubs at \$22.50 per thousand feet Board measure as if picked out and only the quantity I required at present he would charge me \$30.00 per M, and if I chose let me have the balance at \$16.00 per M, so I took the lot and began to haul it home,

## FRIDAY 8

Fine winter weather, and snowing a little and has been snowing through the night, Got all the clear Planks home this forenoon,

## SATURDAY 9

This is a very stormy cold morning by far the coldest this winter, and yet the glass did not indicate lower than 3° above zero at 7 a.m. a good deal of snow fell and drifted the wind strong from the West. We got the wheels of the steam mill finished this afternoon,

The water is very scarce and can hardly chop enough for the Distillery,

This is not so cold as yesterday morning, for at 7 am it was  $9^{\circ}$  below zero, and this morning at zero by one glass, and  $3^{\circ}$  below in another, one while different Thermometers in Town indicated  $15^{\circ}$  below, fortunately there was very little wind yesterday, for had it blown as it did on Saturday it would have been more dreadfull against the wind.

We are repairing the colapse valve in the Stile and took out the copper drop pipe, as it had colapsed half way up, and a hole in it where the steam entered and prevented the charge descending.

This is my Birth Day having been born in Edinburgh in 1808.

We got the still started about noon after taking out the drop pipe. Peter Gow Esq elected to day by acclamation for the Local House of Parliament.

## TUESDAY 12

This was rather a milder morning the glass shewing  $1^{\circ}$  above zero, The steam Mill went all last night.

I yesterday received a letter from Girvan containing the discharge of Mortgage by Mrs Grace McLean in favor of James Armstrong, Robt Scott, L.B. Armstrong Jm Armstrong, James Massie Mrs Massie his wife and George Armstrong, which Mortgage bears date 24 Nov 1864 Liber A7 folio 22545

Peter Idington here to day

## WEDNESDAY 13

This is a milder morning, thermometer  $27^{\circ}$  above zero and snowing quite copiously also several showers during the day.

I arranged with Ingles to allow my men the use of the plainer at \$1,00 per day, And got up the staves this afternoon

A very pleasant morning

General Meeting of Wellington Mutual Insurance Co for the Election of New directors & all the old Directors were reelected,

Sad tidings to day of the death of John McGivern son of Col. McGivern of Hamilton who was killed by the Cars near the Station in Toronto last night when expecting to meet his sister last night, And poor Mr Gray the gardener was killed by a Northern train in the forenoon,

## FRIDAY 15

This is a fine winter morning, Went down to Toronto by the early train, for the purpose of getting a new drop pipe for the still,

The City seemed dull and great want of activity in trade, and shipping business has not paid the vessel owners at all, One propeller laid up for the winter was \$3,000 in debts and many others in like manner, Was told that Eneas McKay of Hamilton had remarked that his new vessel would have been better on the stocks all the season & not to have launched her, I got home by 8 o'clock, and brought the pipe with me,

## SATURDAY 16

Moderate morning has been snowing through the night and still continuing, the temperature is 12° above zero,

We are getting on nicely in jointing the staves in my own machine, having got them thickened at Cosset's shop & ripped them there also,

Angles & Howlers Machine having broken down, I bought a paucers boring machine with 3 augers along with it for \$6.50 & a 7/8 bit for 50¢ for double for bottom of tuns,

This was a moderate morning  $10^{\circ}$  above zero at 7 a.m. with a light fall of snow during the night

Had to put in the Copper drop pipe this morning which took longer time than I expected as it had to be hammered out larger to get it on the tube of the Brass gate,

Had also to stop to clean out the Boiler of the Rectifying House and tighten the ends of the tubes with the expander

## TUESDAY 19

This is another fine winter day Temp  $10^{\circ}$  above zero with a light fine snow

Had to stop the Steam Mill this morning as both pairs of flouring stones were dull and pitted

## WEDNESDAY 20

This is a moderate morning with lighter showers of snow

Began to remove the bolting cloth of the upper reels of the Steam Mill Reports are at hand of the failure of several houses in Montreal

This is a milder morning with a considerable fall of snow, and continuing

Began to remove the upper reel clothes in the Water Mill bolts; the water is still very scarce and only enough to grind the Corn for the Distillery, and think it the best time to change them

Montreal 20<sup>th</sup> 3 business houses have suspended to day, viz M G. and W H. Edson importers of Wines liabilities \$70,000  
 Chapman, Fraser & Tylee groceries & wines \$70,000  
 Duncan Bell, Manufactures agents \$60,000  
 & several more talked of, Edson offered 25c to day to his creditors

## FRIDAY 22

Rather colder this morning, and blowing more, with another coating of snow

Have got the 2 upper reels of the bolts on and working, and will put on the ones taken off and put them on below as soon as they are got ready (that is altered a little)

## SATURDAY 23

This is a very fine clear morning 10° above zero a little snow having fallen through the night. More failures reported this morning  
 J<sup>r</sup> Doyle & Co Distillers Godrich,  
 C Powney, Hardware, Fergus  
 Asselin Oliver, grocer. Montreal

January

MONDAY 25

1875

Moderate weather and settled  
Yesterday was a very boisterous day a considerable  
quantity of snow having fallen, also during last night  
much more has fallen, so that it is very deep to day  
in some places, 2 men are still putting on the bolting  
cloths, and Dobbie working at the bottoms of  
the new fermenting tuns

TUESDAY 26

This was a very fine day, John & I went  
down to Galt to examine a pair of Millstones  
that were ready for us, if approved of & when  
there could not decide & telegraphed for Moses our  
Miller to come down & give his opinion who joined  
with John in the opinion that they were too open  
and we therefor ordered another pair to be made

WEDNESDAY 27

This is a snowing morning, and a good deal  
must have fallen through the night

snowing this evening,

January

THURSDAY 28

1875

This is a fine morning and moderate weather some more snow has fallen, and still continuing down in slight showers, began this morning to put on the lower cloths on the reels in the water mill (that is those that were upper ones)  
Duncan McDonald of Montreal (formerly merchant of Toronto) now travels for Leckie & Co.

FRIDAY 29

This is a very sharp morning  $10^{\circ}$  below zero at 7am with scarcely any wind. Otherwise it would be very cold. The men are finishing the last cloth for the water mill bolts.

SATURDAY 30

This was a very moderate morning, and during the fore part of the day. But during the afternoon it got very cold. I took a drive out to the Rocks and found that a very large track has been cut up into wood.

February

MONDAY 1

1875

This is a very fine winter morning, some more snow having fallen during the night.

William & Mr. Adams went down to Toronto by the noon train, about the gauging of some whisky, Wm went on to Hamilton from there.

The steam mill has been standing all day for the cleaning out of the boiler, and to examining the piston. Judge Gwine opened court to day for the trial of the contested election between Drew and Higginbotham, when after a short examination of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour, the seat was declared vacant.

TUESDAY 2

Very fine weather, most likely to thaw from the mildness, the snow is deep in some places on the track of the G. Western near Town, there was a delay of the afternoon train going North from 6 p.m. to 8 o'clock,

It is snowing this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 3

This was a mild morning, and light rain came on early, but yet the Monthly fair was well attended, about noon it rained heavily and looked like a regular thaw, but about one o'clock the wind chopped round to the West, and it began to freeze and blow hard and very cold during the evening.



February

THURSDAY 4

1875

This is a very cold morning, and has blown a perfect gale all night, and many of the Telegraph wires are down, and all day it has blown a strong westerly wind and desperately cold, at 7 am it was  $2^{\circ}$  below zero, and at noon only  $2^{\circ}$  or  $3^{\circ}$  above it, so continued the remainder of the day.

FRIDAY 5

This is another cold morning Ther<sup>t</sup> at zero at 7 am but the wind was not so strong during the night nor yet this morning.

SATURDAY 6

This morning is colder than yesterday  $2^{\circ}$  below zero at 7 ~~am~~ m. Began to hoop the new fermenting tubs, with 1 Bundle of Birch Band I got from Bond on trial.

this evening at 7 p m it was  $8^{\circ}$  below zero

Sabbath morning was the coldest morning we have had for many years at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 it was  $25^{\circ}$  below zero at 8 o'clock  $24^{\circ}$  in the evening at 10 p m it was  $12^{\circ}$  below zero

This morning it was not so cold at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 it was  $3^{\circ}$  below zero Got 3 Bds of 3 inch Band and 3 ds of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch band iron from Bond & Co at \$3.50 pr 100 lbs

New Policy of insurance to day

John Gore the Quarryman began his contract to cut down the Rock in the Distillery cellar for the new tiers \$40.

## TUESDAY 9

This is another cold morning, Wind N. West & light Glass at last night  $13^{\circ}$  below zero This morning at 7 am the mercury stood at  $15^{\circ}$  below zero & at 10 am it was  $9^{\circ}$  below zero, fortunately the wind is not strong otherwise it would be fearfully cold,

The glass to night at 10 o'clock was  $10^{\circ}$  below zero

## WEDNESDAY 10

This morning was  $19^{\circ}$  below zero at 7 am but several other thermometers marked  $22^{\circ}$  below  
The day has been very cold, the wind was from the East then N. West in the afternoon equally cold & at 7 it went round to the South West and began to snow and drift,  
There was quite a ground swell in the rivers and Dam was flowing over in the morning and the ice frozen to the bottom of the rivers below the water

Very cold morning owing to the wind from the West, but the thermometer does not indicate more than about zero, and as the day advanced it became of any thing milder, and kept on snowing and continued on till night, so that a great deal of snow has fallen since yesterday evening when it began.

Meeting in St Andrews Church School House to night  
No trains to day

## FRIDAY 12

This is another very cold morning  $10^{\circ}$  below zero and a cold N. West wind blowing, and has continued all the forenoon below zero and only at 2 p.m. did it get up to zero, The Roads are so blocked up on the Grand Trunk that no trains have been run to day

No trains the fore part of the day until night when the snow plough came down with 2 Engines  
John Gore finished his contract to day, but there is more to do on Monday after the stone is all cleared away

## SATURDAY 13

This is the Coldest morning yet, at 7 a.m. the thermometer showed  $27^{\circ}$  below zero and little or no wind, during the forenoon the wind got up a little from the N. West, The G. Trunk trains are running to day and keeping fair time, Got the last of the 3 tiers hooped and taken apart for removing

No signs of any change in the weather, but getting colder to night the large quantity of snow adds greatly to the cold,

Yesterday Morning at 7 am  $21^{\circ}$  below Zero & quite Calm  
at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 it was  $8^{\circ}$  below, at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 10 **PM**  $9^{\circ}$  below, and  
very cold,

This morning at 7 o'clock  $20^{\circ}$  below Zero  
and has been very cold all day and never more  
than  $2^{\circ}$  or  $3^{\circ}$  above Zero, and fell off lower at dark  
and at 10 o'clock p.m.  $8^{\circ}$  below Zero

I hear that George McLean has sold his Mills in  
Aberfoyle 3 pair of stones for \$20,000

John McNaughton  
formerly a joint proprietor (with Dr Wilson) of the Galt Mills  
died there at noon to day aged 54 years, after about 2 years  
of considerable suffering,

## TUESDAY 16

This morning at 7 am  $5^{\circ}$  below Zero, a considerable  
difference is felt from yesterday & this forenoon  
is very pleasant winter day,

I have just rec<sup>d</sup>  
a letter from Freeton that Arch<sup>d</sup> Stewart Esq died  
on Saturday last, funeral tomorrow at 11 am

The Quarrymen have finished their work  
in cutting down the Rock for the foundation of Tuns

It is reported that a Bank here will loose \$10,000 by  
a speculator in Barley

## WEDNESDAY 17

Stormy morning I went down below Freeton  
to attend the Funeral of Arch<sup>d</sup> Stewart Esq,  
who died there on Saturday last, the Roads were  
terribly drifted, and the day was a desperate  
one there being no protection on these wide plains  
as formerly when lined with woods on each side of  
the road, the snow for the most part was level with  
the fences

In returning home & when about 2 miles  
from Luelfh we upset the cutter, and I got my left  
shoulder dislocated, but drove up to Dr Herods house  
and got him down to the Priory with us, when him  
and James, (my Brother who accompanied me) drew it  
into its place again the pain was very great

February

THURSDAY 18

1875

This I am told is a keen cold day  
I lay in bed all day as quiet as possible so as to keep the joint home in the socket.

FRIDAY 19

Not so cold to day, I got up to Breakfast.  
Several callers to see me.

SATURDAY 20

Much the same as yesterday

The weather tollerably fine yesterday but I did not venture to go to Church,

To day was a fine pleasant I dressed and got on my body coat, and overcoat one arm in, and attended Meeting of Directors

We had before us report of the destruction of Thomas Watsons tannery by fire

Had to clean out the Boiler of the Rectifying house to day & a slight mending of the boiler, also the air vessel of the water pump which had hurt by the frost during the nights of Saturday & Sunday. A window having been left open was the cause

And after having got all ready steam up, & It was found that the water pipe leading under ground from the race was frozen solid, The afternoon was soft and began to rain

## TUESDAY 23

This morning was mild and thought a thaw, and light rain in the afternoon, and heavier in the evening, The men have been working all night and to day steaming the water pipe and have made no progress of any account. The hose used will not bear sufficient pressure

## WEDNESDAY 24

Thawing to day again, and the streets flooded with water

Have been working all day, getting off the water out of the well, I had to construct a light copper-dam in the middle of the well and set down a pump in one corner & got it dry so as to get at the bent iron pipe into which we bored a hole to insert a funnell & poured hot water



William left home for London on a business tour this afternoon

This is a cold blustering morning, snow has fallen during the night, yet it is thawing some

After having had on the steam all night it has not come through into the well yet, and am preparing to take a pipe from the tank in the distillery, and had the pipes and elbows &c all laid down at the door, when the steam began to ~~huller~~ roar in the well, when all of us were overjoyed that the pipe was once more clear of ice

Then we had to remove the coffer dams filled with clay (& dung but the dung was more harm than good,) and after getting all the chips dirt &c out as clean as possible, set the pump a going to pump the water clear, shut down for the night all being tired out)

Very stormy night Heard from William in London twice to day  
he leave for St Thomas.

## FRIDAY 26

Another coat of snow this morning,  
All the works going on well, and the day is turning out fine,  
Heard from Wm at Chatham to day.

~~William returned by the 6 o'clock train this evening~~

## SATURDAY 27

This is a sharp morning, but clear

William returned by the 6 o'clock train this evening  
beginning to freeze hard this evening

This is a very stormy morning snowing heavy & blowing hard at the same time,

(Yesterday at 10, a m Glass stood at 5° above zero, clear all day & freezing hard in the evening

At noon the storm continues the Galt train went down this morning and the hail train came up but no trains whatever since, the drift and quantities of snow falling will stop them on all the roads,

(My arm is improving & can almost do without a sling.

## TUESDAY 2

This is of any thing a better morning but it froze hard last night it is 5° above zero this morning at 7.

Great many baskets of fowls arriving for the Exhibition

Both the Town and County Councils of Peterboro' were busily employed last week in considering the fallen bridge over the Otonabee. They have decided upon erecting a temporary wooden bridge, the contract for it, indeed, being already let, so that the communication across the river will soon be secured. As to the permanent structure, the decision is not finally made, but it seems to be pretty nearly determined that it shall be a boiler plate girder bridge, similar to the viaduct at Port Hope. The majority of the County Council advocate a wooden bridge in preference, if there is to be a great difference in the cost, and as to bow string girder bridges, public confidence in them seems to have been rudely shaken by the recent accident.

Messrs. Duffield, Waltham, and Snodgrass, of London, arrived yesterday as a deputation to confer with the Minister of Inland Revenue relative to excise on oil. They had an interview with the authorities of the Inland Revenue Department to day, and obtained such concessions as will enable them to carry on their business, for the present at least, without any inconvenience arising from the new system of weighing.

## WEDNESDAY 3

This is a very bad morning for the Poultry Show it is snowing and drifting hard from the East and the railways will soon be all stopped

I have dispensed, with my sling for my arm it is a great deal better

I have seen the show this afternoon and it is a fine display of all kinds of fowls,

The drift and snow is fully worse than it has been & the snow falling heavier towards 6 o'clock



This is a much better morning and somewhat settled like, and looks like a thaw

Higginbotham started for Orangeville this afternoon

FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup>

Snowing heavy at 7 o'clock a m Temp 20°  
it slackened off about 10 and the sun partly shone  
through the thickness of the Air.  
Our Fast day in Church

It began to snow this evening in going to Church  
and heavier on our return

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

This morning looks dull & has been snowing  
last night about 4 inches deep, the glass up  
to near freezing say 28°

This is a moderate morning  $18^{\circ}$   
 and thawing during the middle of the day  
 opened up the drain in the Mill Yard to let off  
 the water. Have 3 men working at the  
 flood gates clearing away the ice in case of  
 a sudden thaw. My arm is a great deal better to day.

Mr & Mrs Gardner here from Kincairdine

## TUESDAY 9

This morning was much milder about  $30^{\circ}$  at 7 a m  
 the snow is getting soft, but not to say slushy  
 yet. Have got the flood gates as clear as  
 they can be until a complete thaw begins,  
 there was a fog & hoar frost this morning  
 which is a sign of a thaw. Have finished the Curb  
 for the 4<sup>th</sup> pair of stones for the Steam Mill, and put  
 on the first coat of paint on it.

## WEDNESDAY 10

March

THURSDAY 11

1875

This is a mild day, and the water dripping from the eaves of the houses

Attended the funeral of Mrs Hood (Annie Bruce) who died on the 9<sup>th</sup> very suddenly of heart disease, she used to visit our house 40 years ago when a little girl

FRIDAY 12

This is also a mild morning, a shower of sleet & snow has fallen through the night, and the drops are falling from the roofs

Have taken down the upright shaft for ~~ax~~ to Key on a pair of new bevel wheels to drive the Smutt Machines the teeth of the old ones being worn quite thin also a spur wheel on the horizontal shaft the old one having 2 teeth broken out of it

SATURDAY 13

This has been a mild day, the streets are quite wet the water lodging in many places where it cannot get off. We had to stop the Engine last night as she kept thumping hard in the Cylinder. On examination it was found that a nut of the follower of the Piston had burst in pieces it was soon repaired & started again. Have got the wheels keyed on the upright shaft and put in its place.

This last has been a fearful night of Thunder & lightning and heavy showers of rain, and the snow in a pulp.

I went down to Galt by the 9 o'clock train to see about the new Millstones and found that they just been shipped on board the Car, I also made enquiry about the sale of a pair of old ones, to a Party in Listowel,

I also made enquiry about the 18 inch Cylinder that they had on hand, but found that it was engaged to be fitted up in the mill to be rebuilt at Listowel,

The streets in Galt were all in a puddle and frequent heavy showers of rain.

Daniel Lizars Esq. Clerk of the Peace County of Huron died yesterday morning aged 82 years has held the Office since 1841. His son D<sup>r</sup> John Lizars died in Toronto last week.

## TUESDAY 16

This is a dry morning so far but as the day advanced heavy showers of snow came on drifting heavy.

John and a squad of men are busy loading up the Tomestones on three sleighs and taking them up to the Cemetery, but the day is very coarse.

In the afternoon the Great Western team brought in the new pair of Millstones, when after laying down a few large bags of Bran upset them right of the sleigh on to them.

## WEDNESDAY 17

This is another stormy morning no thaw to day but showers of snow, with a stiff Breeze, and wintry like. This is the longest and hardest Winter I can remember.

March

THURSDAY 18

1875

This is a cold disagreeable day

There is considerable anxiety this afternoon as to the result of the Election in North Wellington

The news came in to night that Heigimbotham was 2 behind Drew

FRIDAY 19

Heard frost this morning, down to zero at 7 a.m.

The news from the North is changed for the better after getting returns from the different Polling Stations which puts Heigimbotham on the other side with a Majority of 3 votes

SATURDAY 20

More Snow has fallen last night and looks more wintry again

Heigimbotham and a party of friends from the North arrived this evening at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 and a party of between 50 & 60 sat down to an elegant repast at 8 o'clock at the Wellington Hotel

March

MONDAY 22

1875

Very cold last night Thermometer at 7 a m <sup>13° below at 6 o'clock</sup> 7° below zero  
and at 10 o'clock it rose to 22° above, with a powerful  
Sun Mm went of to Stratford this morning

Heiginbotham started for Ottawa at 5 p m

TUESDAY 23

This is another sharp morning at 6 o'clock  
it was 13° below zero and at 7 a m it stood at 7°  
and rose rapidly when the Sun shone through  
William & John Heiginbotham came home from  
Galt school, by the 8 o'clock morning train,

WEDNESDAY 24

This is a mild morning 34° or 2 above freezing  
and 2 inches of Snow fell during the night  
The wind due West, with a light drizzle of rain  
for a very short time, but there is not much of  
a thaw as yet but it is coming on

Kingston Court House reported to be on fire this morning

March

THURSDAY 25

1875

Moderate weather,  
Clear and a little steam  
The Court House at Kingston was totally destroyed by fire  
yesterday

Had to blow off the Mill Boiler this afternoon  
as the gasket between the flange of the safety valve and  
the boiler was partly blown out, after emptying the boiler  
and refilling it with cold water to cool it, so as allow a man  
to get in to hand the bolts, & found it hot after all, however we  
got it all done in 5 hours,

Good FRIDAY 26

This is a wet dull morning rain & fine sleet

But the day was mild though dull, and a  
good deal of water running in the gutters

SATURDAY 27

This is another mild day

The gutters in Windham Street were  
flowing very fast, and extra drains had to  
be cut across the street to

Quite mild this morning

As the day advances the Streets are flowing fast  
 William went down to Toronto by the 11 O'clock  
 train to endeavour to effect some sales,

William returned from Toronto by the 7 P.M. train  
 & found business dull. Merchants overstocked & little or nothing doing

TUESDAY 30

Another mild morning, and the weather  
 spring like & the Sun powerfull in melting the  
 Snow & the Streets flooded with water

WEDNESDAY 31

This is also quite a mild day, the Sun has  
 great power in melting the snow that the  
 Streets are running in torrents & the  
 gutters full as if after a great fall of rain  
 the River also rising and flowing over the  
 dam several inches

David Kennedy has begun  
 this week to excavate for the addition to the  
 Market House, and finds plenty of excellent  
 building sand,



April

THURSDAY 1

1875

This is a close morning with Temp<sup>re</sup> at 50° and dull and threatening rain

At 1/2 past 10 it began a fine steady close rain, and continued to increase and continued pretty heavy till 1/2 past 12, and only very slightly during the afternoon

And towards night it began to freeze and dry up and turned out a fine night

The water in the Dam rose considerable, but we did not open the flood gates much, as I want to keep the water that the current below may wear away the ice as it is very much more so than ever I saw

Began to day to put in the new Millstones

FRIDAY 2

This is a very fine morning and dry and plenty of water rolling over the Dam. We began to take the Engine apart and get out the Cylinder to get bored out afresh

Had a meeting of the Mutual Insurance Co. The loss by Tho Watson Lancer of Fergus, was discussed

Great deal of water going over the Dam, Our Clerk Alex Mackenzie has determined to cross the Ocean to bring home his Son, he will leave on Thursday

SATURDAY 3

This is another fine morning the water still keeping up in the river

I got the Cylinder on board the Car this afternoon for Galt

April

MONDAY 5

1875

The water is much the same as Saturday but as the day advances it is greatly increased by the heat of the sun.

Had to hoist the flood gates this afternoon so as to lower the water and prevent the ice going over the dam as it is far too thick yet not far from 4 feet thick.

Have been working all day at the coils in the Rectifying still and not yet able to find out the worst leaks the flanges that are turned up at the ends behind the collars are eaten away to extreme thinness.

TUESDAY 6

Much colder this morning the ground frozen, we worked to 12 O'clock last night but did not get the joints to my satisfaction. Had to cut off a piece of the turn-up flange of one of the joints and solder on a new ring instead of turning up again as the copper appears to be almost rotten & very thin.

I went down to Galt this afternoon to give instructions as to what I wanted done to the Engine, The water in the Grand River is very high and great quantities of ice and drift wood of all kinds going down at a rapid rate.

WEDNESDAY 7

This was also a cold raw morning, it had been raining and freezing as it fell and all the sidewalks covered with ice.

This is the Monthly Fair  
not many cattle in to day  
The water in the River is decreasing

April

THURSDAY 8

1875

This is a very fine morning, and the roads are drying up fast, and the ice on the Dam melting fast away

My clerk Mr Mackenzie left here by the Great Western R.R. for New York by the 2.11 train on his way to Scotland, I went out to see him away w George Bruce also for the same destination,

FRIDAY 9

This is a dull morning it has been raining during last night or this morning, another light shower fell about 9 o'clock, but did not last above  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour, and during the forenoon became fine clear weather

SATURDAY 10

This is a mild morning.

This afternoon the little boy Grange fell into the Canal at the flood gates and was carried through them and down the River at a rapid rate, when John Allan hearing of it ran down the side of the bank and caught hold of him about the smoke House, he was quite exhausted & nearly gone

About 10 o'clock, or just as I was about to open the Office door after the Town Clock had finished striking 10 I heard the Bell begin to toll quicker & quicker & the cry of fire, & started up town & heard one say that Raymonds factory was on fire

April

MONDAY 12

1875

A dull morning & looks like rain  
and only a light shower fell. The whole of Raymonds  
Sewing machine factory was burnt down last night, I at  
one time expected that the N East wing could be saved  
but all their exertions were in vain, but the greater part  
of the Machines were saved, but there was no time to  
take down the shafting and many other fixtures

TUESDAY 13

This morning looks also a little like rain, but  
so far none has fallen. The ice is entirely away  
of the Dam, and the water getting lighter  
and in the afternoon had to shut down the  
remainder of the flood gates almost to the bottom  
so as to keep the water running over the Dam  
Dobbie & Gibson are working at chain for  
elevating the Dam, the wheels framing &c.

Attended a social at the Sabbath School

WEDNESDAY 14

This is a fine morning, got the three cedar  
posts hauled in

Alfred Stroud called this noon.

Have got the 2 rows of old posts taken out, ~~from~~  
to make room for the 3 new fermenting tuns, and  
have put in 3 heavy Cedar posts instead with much  
longer caps or vaults, and will be ready tomorrow  
I hope to lay the pipes & then the bottom of one of the  
tuns to begin with

April

THURSDAY 15

1875

This is a dull morning, pretty cool & looks very much like rain

This afternoon, I attended, the distribution of Prizes at the Modell Farm, there was a great number there, it came on a heavy rain storm and blew hard and cold

FRIDAY 16

This morning the ground was covered with snow, very cold and freezing, but it went mostly all away in the afternoon

SATURDAY 17

This is quite a cold morning the ground hard frozen, and the Dam covered with thin ice the glass was  $12^{\circ}$  above zero at 7 a.m., and the ground covered with a light coat of snow, It remained cold & hard post all day

Began to set up the first fermenting tun to day

The Engine came back from Galt to day, and got it into the Engine House this evening,

It is freezing hard again to night,

April

MONDAY 19

1875

This is another cold morning  $18^{\circ}$  above zero there was a light coat of snow on the ground but it soon during the forenoon

The ground is hard and ice on the Dam have been lowering the Engine frame and placing the Cylinder on the frame

The Cylinder before being bored was  $14\frac{1}{8}$  inches and after being bored out was  $14\frac{1}{8}\frac{3}{32}$  inches

William Fisher arrived this evening from the States

TUESDAY 20

This is also a very cold morning  $20^{\circ}$  above zero

Have done all I can do to the Engine with our own men, & will proceed to Galt to get a man from there to put ~~the~~ in proper line and set the valves,

I went down to Galt and got the promise of a man to be up tomorrow morning

The water in the Grand River has fallen very considerably, that the Dam having been so much reduced in height there will not be enough of water to supply the factories on the Race, and those that have Engines will have to make use of them

WEDNESDAY 21

Not much change yet about  $18^{\circ}$  below at 7 a.m. when seeing Heiginbotham start for Toronto, The man from Galt arrived by the early train and began to adjust the Engine, his name is C. W. Haines,

The Elevator for the Dung works pretty well

April

THURSDAY 22

1875

This is a fine morning not quite so cold  
The Engineer Haines is very particular  
in ascertaining the exact lead of the slide valve that  
it is equal on both sides, he tests it by the fly wheel  
obtaining the half diameter so as to get the full stroke  
each way.

FRIDAY 23

This is of any thing, a dull morning, but during  
the forenoon it became fine.

However in the afternoon it became dull and  
cold, the wind increased and it began to snow  
and change into heavy showers of sleet &  
and quite cold and disagreeable

Mr Parker the Saloon Keeper is very ill and not  
expected to get over it.

SATURDAY 24

This is a much milder morning, I have to attend  
a meeting to day at Guthrie's Office to examine into  
the funds of the Worsley Estate, but could not  
for the present arrive at a final settlement  
The Engine was started and run empty and so far  
seemed to perform well, The man left at noon,

Mr Leitch of Montreal was here, and finally settled  
about the crates of bottles

April

MONDAY 26

1875

This is a very fine morning, in fact too fine for we are very much in want of rain to wash the frost fairly out of the ground

Johnstone Gibson has gone up the Country to see his farm.

John McPherson is off work with a sore

Henry is also off with a sore hand.

Likevie the boy that drives the wood to the furnaces is off with a sore neck, boils &

Dobbie & John Allan are at the fixing of the new stones,

TUESDAY 27

This is a very fine morning. This forenoon is most beautiful warm & bright powerfull. I am going to sow Onions this afternoon

WEDNESDAY 28

This is another charming day, but too dry. The water is holding out very well.

Mr Spratt of Montreal & Toronto called to ask about bran

Sowed my Onion seed to day, and also, parsnips.



April

THURSDAY 29

1875

This is a very fair morning, but as it advanced showed signs of rain, about 11 o'clock it began with a light rain, between 12 and one it became heavier and continued on pretty heavy all the afternoon.

Rev Hamilton Gibson of Bayfield called this afternoon, having come down to pay his taxes on lands in Luther.

I telegraphed to Goderick for amount due on Bayfield lands.

FRIDAY 30

This is a wintry looking morning, the ground white with snow & sleet, then a light shower of fine rain and every appearance of a continuance of it, but no rain fell during the forenoon. But the wind got up and blew hard all the afternoon.

There is a good deal of property changing hands just now. Lat Mays sold 40 feet on Windham St at \$125,00 per foot front, to Wm Stewart Merchant. James Davie Esq sold his two houses opposite Chalmers Church for \$3,000 to Mr Cotton, who next day sold it to Hearn for \$4,000 lease. Mr McCloggen sold two 1/4 acre lots to Keate for \$3,500.

May

SATURDAY 1

This is a cold morning for the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. at 6 o'clock it was about 2° degrees below freezing, at 7, it was one degree above freezing, and the ice formed during the night was 1/2 inch thick. At 1/2 past 10 it began to snow, then fine hail. It then turned into snow again until it was about 1/2 to 2 inches deep. in the afternoon began to rain heavy and continued on after dark. The wind strong from the East. It really is extraordinary winter looking weather at this time of the year.

May

MONDAY 3

1875

Yesterday 2<sup>d</sup> May. Ther <sup>to</sup> 35° wind strong N.West. frequent showers of snow & sleet, dropping from the eves, snow of Saturday laying all over a portion of snow had melted during the afternoon. But at 6 o'clock it began to freeze & snow again, James Parker, Saloon Keeper, died at 3 o'clock AM. This morning the wind is due West and the snow disappearing fast, and the sun comming out more powerful than for some days past, the day is turning out fine yet the wind is cold,

TUESDAY 4

Very fine morning, and the day was bright and moderate weather but not warm,

Mr A. D. Ferrier took his departure this afternoon for Scotland

WEDNESDAY 5

This is a moderate morning but still a great want of heat we ought to expect at this time of the year. This is the Monthly Fair, and are looking out for a Cow for the mens board. It began to rain about noon and continued all the afternoon and evening.

May

THURSDAY 6

1875

There was frost last night and produced ice  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick and has been raining this forenoon and is rather chilly and raw.

Have got the new pair of Millstones all ready for action now this afternoon, and have also got a waggon mounted with a box to convey away the liquid manure from the cattle sheds; having only to back it up behind the Elevator which soon fills it.

FRIDAY 7

This is a very fine morning, yet there has been frost last night and thin ice formed in tubes of water at the Spring. Higginbotham went down to Toronto this morning by early train, I was present when the first load of liquid manure was elevated & poured into the new box waggon made for the purpose,  
 (Neither, Cobbi nor Gibson here to day work slack,

SATURDAY 8

This has been a very fine day, warm in the forenoon, but the South Wind, blew harder in the afternoon, which made it somewhat cooler.

Have been planting some carrots to day.

I find that several of the Buckets of the Water wheel of the Mill are broken.

May

MONDAY 10

1875

Yesterday was a great day of rain at least in the afternoon the morning was fine but had strong appearance of rain and it did begin in earnest about 3 o'clock, and about 4 it came down a perfect pour of rain & continued,

This morning it is dry but the ground has the appearance of having rained heavy during the night. And the river has risen rapid, and at noon was higher from rain in one night than I have seen for 3 years past. We had to examine inside of wooden still this morning to clean the air valves, but that did not retard the work much. We had a light shower this afternoon,

TUESDAY 11

This opened out a very fine morning, The water in the River this morning is much higher than I have seen for a long time caused by rain and there is more natural heat to day than we have had yet, and notice that the asparagus is making its appearance, and the Rhubarb will be ready to cut this week. Busy cleaning the mens beds & taking out the stoves & pipes,

WEDNESDAY 12

Cold morning from rain during the night. Strong wind blowing from the N. West, and frequent showers during the day. Mr Kemp the Inspector of the Bank of Commerce has been in town for some days. Willie & Nat had a conversation with him to day,

I called at Worswicks shop this afternoon and saw a pair of steam Engines, made for Sheriff Sutton of Walkertown, they are to be shipped to British Columbia on Saturday first, where he has 20,000 acres of pine land. Cost of Engines \$1350. no boilers

This is a fine morning, & some sleet like rain

I made up my mind to start for Paris by the afternoon train and got there about 7 p.m. I put up at Bradfords Hotel, which is clean quiet comfortable house and reasonable charges, It came on a light rain but soon went off,

## FRIDAY 14

Rather a dull looking morning and about 9 a.m. it began to rain and continued heavy for an hour and more, when I started for the Upper Town, to make enquiry about my lot of land, I saw a Bricklayer, who lives near to it, who thought that \$100 per acre was as much as it was worth. Mr Whittaw thought it worth \$120,00 but could not find any one that would give that

I left there at 1/2 past 3  
& got home (after stopping over a train at Galt) at 8,40

## SATURDAY 15

This has been a cold bleak sort of a day, and very little growth yet. I went out to the Rocks this afternoon, to see what is to be done as to fencing up where the fire ran through.

Mrs A Mackenzie rec<sup>d</sup> a telegram from Scotland that her husband sails for this country this morning

May

MONDAY 17

1875

This is a tolerably fine morning, yet not warm as might be expected at this time of the year

Busy repairing fences, also light waggon new bottom & sides of Basswood,

TUESDAY 18

This is a beautiful morning warm and fine,

Intelligence came that Sheriff Thomas of Hamilton died yesterday morning, aged 80. The Mayor, Melvin and a number of our Town Council went down to Toronto to attend the funeral of the Sen<sup>r</sup> Governor Crawford

Mr James Blain called on me this evening on his way home from Georgetown &c. he informed me that all the papers concerning the sale of his Mills at Galt and the various water leases, to his Brother Richard, were signed yesterday

WEDNESDAY 19

This is a very fine morning and one of the warmest days of the season, began yesterday to try to find out where the pipe from the Spring to the Distillery, and after opening it in several places where it must have been frozen, it is thawed to day but at the crossing at the Waste gates it was burst and we are now wrapping them up with canvas & white lead,

Fine morning and warm

Mrs J. M. Fisher was delivered of a fine boy of 10 lbs wt  
early this morning

Andrew Fisher arrived from the States this evening  
at 6 o'clock

## FRIDAY 21

This is a charming morning and there is  
appearance of rain

Some light showers of rain fell during the day

## SATURDAY 22

This is a fine warm growing morning

Busey making my half of the fence between  
John Thomas Cuninghame and myself at  
the Quarry

May

MONDAY 24

1875

This is a dull morning there having been a good shower of rain this morning at 5 a m

This being the Queens Birth day all work is suspended in town

The weather is brightening up and is now fine and warm, and most of the trees in the garden are out in leaf especially the Birches gooseberry bushes

TUESDAY 25

A fine warm day, quite dry, the water in the River is now beginning to get scarcer, Wheat is still on the decline, and yesterday brought it down in Chicago 3 to 4 cents, there was a perfect panic all sellers and no buyers

Hill working at the fence at the Quarry, but Cunningham has never touched his part of yet,

WEDNESDAY 26

This is a cool morning, dry and water low

A great fire began this evening about 1/2 past 7 in (Galbreaths saddlery shop) at present occupied by Mr Beattie saddler, a Brick building it was fairly gutted but the roof stood to the last and only burnt round the edges but the rest being wooden tenements 8 in all were of wood were totally burnt up



May

THURSDAY 27

1875

This is a fine cool morning, quite dry and water getting short  
William went down to Hamilton this morning  
Heard word this forenoon that the Eletia steamer had arrived in N York, Mr Mackenzie telegraphs all well  
There is quite a mania for buying town lots now

William returned from Hamilton this evening

FRIDAY 28

This morning is warm and fine, but very low water in the dock, I am offered \$1500 cash for my 8 acre lot near the Catholic Hospital,

SATURDAY 29

This is a wet dull morning, with fine showers but not warm  
Yesterday as to day, the Crab apples, and Russets are in splendid white blossom

May

MONDAY 31

1875

Fine pleasant morning, and very dry, Andrew Fisher started off for Chicago this morning, Had a Meeting of the Directors of the Wellington Mutual Assurance Co to day, The birch trees are now in full leaf and the Lelucks are in full blossom in the Garden but a number of the Plum trees are destroyed by the frosts, and some by the Borer.

June

TUESDAY 1

This is a very fine morning, cool & pleasant William, Heiginbotham, started for Toronto this morning, Mr George Sandilands also went down Mr Alex<sup>r</sup> Mackenzie my clerk, and his son John arrived home to night at 9 o'clock all quite well,

WEDNESDAY 2

There has been a slight shower this morning about enough to lay the dust, The water in the Dam is about running over, this is the Monthety fair day, Not many cattle in

The Merchants Bank at Elora asks \$28,000 for Frazer's flour mill, \$12,000 would be given by Mr Eby. formerly of Selam

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THURSDAY 3

1875

This is dry morning and no signs of rain there has been a considerable breeze to day and shortly after dinner a spark from one of the stalks set fire to the firewood at the back of the Rectory house, but help being at hand, it was got <sup>put</sup> out with very little damage, & farther on in the afternoon it caught again in another place which was also observed and put out.

Reports from Pensylvania inform us of terrible fires in the woods there of the loss of many lives and a whole village, 17 saw mills and over Forty millions feet of sawn lumber, and a great many cattle, 3 of our men left my employment and went off to England 1 man & wife & the other 2 to Island & probably to New Zealand.

FRIDAY 4

This morning looks also like rain. Have been drawing out design for tops of turrets of granary on a full size, and to get them ready and have them covered with galvanized iron.

I was invited by the Warden (De Laidlaw) to accompany the County Council to the Model farm this afternoon to inspect the improvements and the premises, and there appears to be a decided reform there.

SATURDAY 5

The same dull appearance, as if rain must come is more evident this morning.

Mr Stephen Boult died to day at noon.

Have found out to day that the eye of the new mill stones, which was cast by Ingles & Hunter had been defective and was filled up with Rabbit metal and has now to be bored out and plugged.

No rain whatever fell to day

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MONDAY 7

1875

This has been a fine temperate day  
but no rain

Higinbotham, MacKenzie, Wm & I sat very late to night  
taking stock of accounts &c.

TUESDAY 8

This is a very dry morning, and the water in the  
Dam very slow. We are getting the Stone balanced  
to day by the foreman Mr Laurie Jr, after getting  
the plugg in the top of the driver he countersunk it  
then started the Engine and turned the cockhead  
more to a point to enable the stone to be balanced  
more easily and when that is done to turn the  
cockhead more blunt so as to have more bearing

Mr Davis the Inspector is here with the new  
governor measure (of Coppers) to test the contents of  
the close receivers,

WEDNESDAY 9

No rain yet. The River quite low, Dobbie has  
been fixing the screens of the Steam Mill smelt  
machine, and the Millers are facing the stones  
and will likely have them going some time tomorrow  
Davis got the other Receiver tested, and is now  
making the Rods for each of them of dry Cherry

Five morning

Higonbotham & I intended to go down to Toronto this morning to see Hon Mr McMaster about Bank matters but there being doubts of his being at home we put it off till further information

There was great appearance of rain this afternoon but it went past

## FRIDAY 11

This is another very dry warm morning, and no rain

A little after 9 o'clock this morning, the fire Bell gave the alarm of Fire and it turned out to be a wooden lean-to Mr Sole's large stone house (that was built by Saml Wright the Baker) & then it caught hold of the stable and burnt that also down,

## SATURDAY 12

This is of any thing a cold morning and there seems to have been some frost

A great many people in town to day to see the great Show

The wind blew pretty strong from the West and the sparks from the distillery stack set fire to the wood several times

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MONDAY 14

1875

This is another very cool morning (and so was yesterday)

The wind is not so strong to day. Yet we have made a trial of introducing a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch steam pipe into the Distillery stack to test its power to extinguish the sparks before they get out of the chimney. We have got the new pair of stones started this afternoon and they work very well and the 2 pair takes far less steam to drive them now than what they did before the Engine was bored out and the valve fixed say about 55 lbs,

TUESDAY 15

Very pleasant morning but dry, Stopped the Steam Engine this morning to examine the Piston to find out what caused a hissing of the steam at every stroke, and discovered 2 stack places in the rings where rust had collected while standing still and had scratched the inside of the Cylinder sufficient to allow steam to pass,

Nat & I went down to Toronto by the 11 O'clock train to have an interview with the Hon Mr McMaster about my Banking account, I met Sir John A McDonald in the street, soon after that was introduced to Hon Mr Mowat the Premier & McDonald the Sec<sup>y</sup> Governon,

pm leaves for Stratford during the night

WEDNESDAY 16

This is a very fine morning, but dry & warm, But it appears as of old, that one evil never comes alone. The middle head of the Still gave way & went all to pieces, and have set to work to put in a temporary one, so as to finish the month, & until I get all ready for putting in the new one,

William started for Montreal by the 5 O'clock train

This was a dull dark looking morning, with sure signs of rain for it began slowly about 7 o'clock, and continued a close light shower until 12 o'clock when it began to brighten, about 4 it became heavy and dull again. We have got the ~~still~~ finished and going again, with a new head in.

James in bed from severe bleeding at the nose

About 5 o'clock I received a Telegram from William that he had got there all safe that morning,

## FRIDAY 18

This is also a dullish morning but no more rain has fallen. It continued warm all day.

## SATURDAY 19

Another dry warm morning

William returned from Montreal by the 2,30 train.

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MONDAY 21

1875

This is also warm dry morning, there has been a fair supply of water this forenoon. But the New Stone in the Steam Mill is bothering us a good deal.

TUESDAY 22

Somewhat of a dull morning, and about 8 o'clock it began to rain, but the shower was very light and did not last more than a couple of hours, and then hardly more than barely to lay the dust.

WEDNESDAY 23

This is a close morning, calm and warm.

The fireman & the Carter some way between them drew on the full amount of water on the Distillery Pumps with such violence as to break the pump rod, last night after the work was over and only to fill the Mash tun, And have now set to work to make a new one,

Began to prepare for removing the compounding vessels to the Malt house.